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Application No. 10/537,332
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to "FIG. 1" on drawing sheet 1 of 4.
Drawing sheet 1 of 4 now includes an assembled, cross-sectional view of the partial laminated headliner assembly.

Attachment: Replacement sheet

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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1-2 and 10-12 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Claims 3-9 were previously withdrawn. Claims 13-17 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-17 will be pending upon entry of this paper. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. Formal Matters

A. Applicant thanks Examiner Patel for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative, Timothy M. Bogel, in the 7/8/08 teleconference.

B. Applicant has deleted a "wherein clause" from claim 1 and adds this limitation in newly-added dependent claim 13. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

C. Newly-added claims 14-16 further define the claimed catalyst recited in independent claim 1. The limitations recited in claims 14-16 may be found at paragraph [0016] of the originally-filed specification.

D. Newly-added claim 17 recites a fabric covering.

II. Election / Restriction

Applicant acknowledges Examiner Patel's remarks on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses Examiner Patel's remarks for at least the reasons set forth in the 2/8/08 Election. Accordingly, Applicant acknowledges his right to petition the requirement for restriction according to M.P.E.P. §818.03(c), 8th Ed., 6th Rev. (September, 2007).

III. Objection To The Drawings

In view of the 7/8/08 teleconference with Applicant's representative, Examiner Patel indicated that the objection to the drawings could be overcome by way of an amendment to FIG. 1. Accordingly, Applicant has amended FIG. 1. For convenience, Applicant reproduces amended FIG. 1 below, showing a newly-added, assembled, cross-sectional view to the right of the previously-presented, exploded, cross-sectional view.

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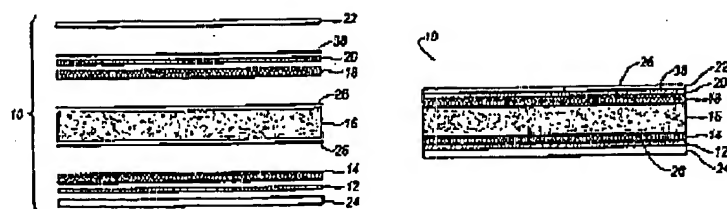


FIG. 1

It is respectfully submitted that originally-filed FIG. 1 and claim 1 supports the amendment to FIG. 1. Therefore, no new matter has been added to FIG. 1. Entry of the amendment to FIG. 1 is requested.

In view of the above-identified amendment to FIG. 1, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the Drawings is overcome and should be withdrawn.

IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-2 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, Examiner Patel identified that what is shown in the Figures is different from what is claimed.

Applicant has amended claims 1-2 and 10-12 to further clarify the claimed subject matter of the present invention in view of the amendment to FIG. 1 as identified above and the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, in view of the amendment to claims 1-2, 10-12 and FIG. 1, Applicant hereby submits that the rejection to claims 1-2 and 10-12 has been overcome. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-2 and 10-12 is hereby requested.

V. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-2 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of U.S. 6,793,747 to North et al. ("North"). In view of the foregoing remarks, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding Independent Claim 1 & Dependent Claim 2

Applicant has studied the rejection of claims 1-2 and 10-12 at page 4 of the Office Action and respectfully points out that only the limitations of claims 1 and 2 have been mentioned in view of North's teachings. The record remains *completely silent* regarding the limitations recited in claims 10-12. In order to support a rejection of the limitations recited in claims 1 and

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2, the action references the Abstract set forth in the North reference which fails disclose, teach or suggest "a catalyst layer including a first side and a second side, wherein the second side of the catalyst layer is arranged adjacent to the first side of said scrim," as recited in Claim 1, or its equivalent as known to one of ordinary skill in the art. Applicant respectfully submits that the North reference nor any of the art of record discloses, teaches or suggests this limitation or its equivalent.

In addition and by this amendment, Applicant set forth new claims 14-16 that define the claimed catalyst with additional specificity, each of which are similarly not disclosed, taught or suggested within the North reference or any of the cited art.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that North nor the art of record anticipate the claimed invention as recited in the claims and early allowance is earnestly solicited.

Regarding Dependent Claims 10-12

Claims 10-12 are in dependent form, depending from independent claim 1. Although claims 10-12 are referenced on page 4 of the recent Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the Office Action remains *completely silent* regarding the limitations as set forth. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 10-12 are in allowable form. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 10-12 is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-3145, under Order No. 209546-98124 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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REPLACEMENT SHEET

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